



Drowning Prevention



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Let's talk about...

- **Facts about drowning**
- **Touch Supervision**
- **Prevention**
- **FAQ**
- **Resources**



Cecil T. Hunter Swimming Pool

Drowning in Florida

- **Second leading cause of accidental death for children 1-4¹**
- **More drowning deaths of children than any other state²**



Drowning in Escambia

**Water sources vary
in our county**



Blackwater River

Roger Scott Swimming Pool



**Seven deaths from
drowning in 2012 in
Escambia County¹**

Touch Supervision

- **Keep your kids at an arm's length**
- **Just watching is not enough**



Enjoy the water with your kids!

Scenario

The children run to the beach, excited and ready to swim! As you walk out behind them, you realize you forgot towels in the car...

What would you do?

Your child can drown in a matter of seconds

Scenario

You start filling the bathtub for your child's bath, and as the water fills, the phone rings...

What would you do?

Your child can drown in a matter of seconds

Did you know?

Residential Swimming Pool Safety Act

- **Florida Law requires that new residential swimming pools have at least one of the following:**
 - ✓ **an enclosure**
 - ✓ **pool safety cover**
 - ✓ **exit alarms on doors**
 - ✓ **self-closing, self-latching devices on entries to the pool**

Prevention Tools



- **Create barriers**
- **Always use life vests**
- **Learn CPR**



Creating Barriers

Life vests/jackets	\$0-\$49
Childproof door locks	\$0-\$49
Door/window alarms	\$0-\$49
New doors	\$50-\$250
Pool alarms	\$50-\$250
Self-closing or self-latching gates	\$501-\$1000
Safety cover	\$1001+
Pool safety fences	\$1001+

FAQ

- 1. What if there is a lifeguard present?**
- 2. What if my children and/or I cannot swim?**
- 3. Where can I learn CPR?**

Thank you!

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Resources

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